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EXPANSION OF NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR OCEAN TECHNOLOGY AT CHENNAI
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Will the Minister of OCEAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any poroposal to expand the National Institute for Ocean Technology at Chennai;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that an additional Centre for Gas Hydrate Research is being added to the National Institute for Ocean Technology;

(c) whether any additional funding is required for the purpose;

(d) if so, the provisions made for funding the same;

(e) whether any international collaboration is there for this centre; and

(f) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a) No sir, there is no proposal to expand the National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT) at Chennai.

(b) A Centre for Gas Hydrate Research has been mooted to be set up within the existing infrastructural set up of NIOT.

(c) & (d) Programmes for delineation of gas hydrates and development of technology for its study/sampling have been proposed to be undertaken during the 10th plan at an estimated expenditure of Rs. 100 crores and provisions have been made in the 10th plan outlay.

(e) & (f) Some R & D programmes at the proposed centre, are being considered to be undertaken in collaboration with Russian Institutes under Russian Academy of Sciences. Details and modalities have not been finalized.